

Human Waste update.

Portable toilets are now required mandatory equipment on all overnight trips.

Requirements are administered under State and Federal law.

When am I required to use my portable toilet?

Waste systems must be set-up and available for use as soon as practical upon arrival at your campsite. You are required to use the portable toilet when unable to access and use an agency provided toilet.

Why should I pack out human waste?

In an arid environment, solid human waste decomposes very slowly. Improper disposal impacts soils, vegetation and poses a health hazard. Because the river corridor experiences a high concentration of recreational use within a narrow strip of land, it is unacceptable to bury human waste.

What is an approved portable toilet?

An approved portable toilet is any non-biodegradable, rigid, durable, container designed to receive and hold human waste, in any container position, without leaking. It is designed to be emptied and rinsed in an approved manner in a standard recreational vehicle dump station and/or SCAT machine, in a sanitary manner without spills, seepage or exposure to human waste.

How do I care for my portable toilet?

Before using any toilet system, coat the bottom and sides with a 1/4 cup of Pine-Sol or pine-oil cleaner. On the morning of takeout, pour a bucket of water into toilet to help loosen materials for cleaning.

Bring straps for use with SCAT Machine. Rectangular toilets require two 2-foot straps while buckets require one 4-footer.

DO NOT:

- ◆ **use formaldehyde, concentrated disinfectants, or toxic metals in your toilet.**
- ◆ **use kitty litter or plastic bags in your toilet.**
- ◆ **put feminine hygiene products or cardboard in your toilet.**

Handy on-river toilet supplies

- *Disposable rubber gloves
- *Extra toilet paper
- *Antibacterial soap
- *Pine-oil cleaner
- *Bacterial or lime product

Useful items for emptying your toilet

- *Disposable rubber gloves
- *Bleach
- *Antibacterial soap
- *Straps for SCAT Machine
- *Toilet brush

Toilet options

There are numerous portable toilet systems available. Boaters must ensure that their unit is an approved RV dump station or SCAT Machine compatible system. The following are retailers of SCAT Machine compatible portable systems*.

Andy & Bax (Portland, OR)

Phone: (503)234-7538

andyandbax@uswest.net

Eco-Safe toilet systems

Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe (Portland, OR)

Phone: (503)285-0464

www.aldercreek.com

Eco-Safe toilet systems

Cascade Outfitters (Boise, ID)

Phone: (800)223-7238

www.rivertraveler.com

Eco-Safe toilet systems, John-ny Partner

McKenzie Outfitters (Medford, OR)

Phone: (800)704-5145

Eco-Safe toilet systems

Northwest River Supply (Moscow, ID)

Phone (800)635-5202

www.nrsweb.com

Scat Packer systems

Oregon River Sports (Eugene, OR)

phone: (888)790-PADL

www.oregonriversports.com

Eco-Safe toilet systems

White Water Warehouse (Corvallis, OR)

phone: (800)214-0579

www.whitewaterwarehouse.com

Eco-Safe toilets systems

*This list is provided for your information, and is not intended to imply endorsement by the BLM.

Dump Stations

- ◆ **The Dalles**- 3636 Klindt Drive
- ◆ **Hood River** - Waste Water Treatment Facility 818 Riverside
- ◆ **Madras** - Tiger Mart Station Hwy. 97
- ◆ **Bend** - Texaco Station Hwy. 97 & Revere
- ◆ **Redmond** - 875 SE Sisters
- ◆ **Welches** - Mt.Hood Village Hwy. 26

SCAT Machines

(Planned available June, 2002)

- ◆ **Maupin** - City Park, North Entrance
- ◆ **Heritage Landing** - boat ramp

The 2002 season marks a new era on the Deschutes: user friendly SCAT Machines will be available in two locations in close proximity to the river. The SCAT Machine is designed to dump, wash, and sanitize a multitude of portable toilets. Once the container is strapped into the machine, it is inverted to dump waste while high pressure water nozzles wash and sanitize the unit.

Other SCAT Machine Compatible toilets

- ✓ 20 mm ammunition cans
- ✓ 5 gallon plastic buckets w/ marine lid
- ✓ Jon-ny Partner Toilet
- ✓ The SCAT Machine Toilet
- ✓ The SCAT Packer
- ✓ Eco-Safe systems

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435 Commercial Street NE

Salem, OR 97310

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Lower Deschutes River



Portable Toilet Information

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